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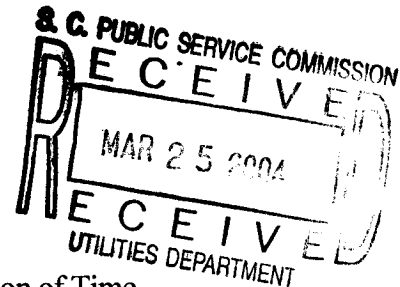
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The Honorable Bruce F. Duke
Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211



RE: Intrastate Universal Service Fund; Request for Extension of Time
Docket No. 97-239-C

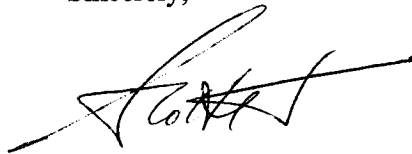
Dear Mr. Duke:

Please be advised that this letter serves as a request on behalf of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas ("Sprint") for an Extension of Time in the above-referenced docket. Sprint does not believe it has sufficient time between now and April 1, 2004 to complete its South Carolina USF filing.

Many of Sprint's internal costing team have been assigned to various tasks and have not been able to dedicate the necessary time to prepare Sprint's USF filing. As a result, Sprint requests a fifteen (15) day extension of time to make its filing. Sprint does not believe this an unreasonable request in light of previous extensions granted to other parties in this docket. Sprint will endeavor to complete its filing in an expeditious manner, and appreciate any relief that the Commission can afford Sprint in its efforts to complete its South Carolina USF filing.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Scott Elliott

cc: All Parties of Record